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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BALAGUER LAUDS PUBLIC MEDIA

1. PRESIDENT BALAGUER LAUDED THE DOMINICAN PUBLIC MEDIA AND AFFIRMED HIS BELIEF IN PRESS FREEDOM IN A MESSAGE TO JOURNALISTS ON APRIL 5, DOMINICAN NATIONAL PRESS DAY. "WITHOUT A FREE AND HONEST PRESS," BALAGUER'S DECLARATION SAID, "THERE CANNOT BE A CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF EVOLUTION IN ALL SECTORS OF NATIONAL LIFE." HE DESCRIBED THE NEWSPAPERS AS "BEACONS WHICH CLEARLY ILLUMINATE THE PATH OF HISTORIC EVOLUTION OF EACH NATION." JOURNALISM, ACCORDING TO BALAGUER, REQUIRES OF ITS PRACTITIONERS, "COMPETENCE, HONESTY, AND A SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE."

2. COMMENT: BALAGUER HAS ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED HIS SENSITIVITY TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESS FREEDOM AND THE PRIDE DOMINICANS HAVE IN THE FACT THAT THEIR COUNTRY ENJOYS A FREE AND VIGOROUS PRESS. ONLY LAST WEEK, THE INTERAMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION, MEETING IN CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA, LISTED THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AS ONE OF THE FEW COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE IN WHICH PRESS FREEDOM EXISTS.
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